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Newsletter 10 Monday 16th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for supporting Children in Need Day last Friday which is such a worthy annual event. This week is national Anti-bullying week and the week starts with odd socks day.

The children will be having lessons about this through the week and if you would like any further information, resources can be found on the following website:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2020-united-against-bullying>

Class News

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

EYFS: This week the children have been taking advantage of the dark evenings to help them explore light and dark by making dark dens and shadow puppets and learning about nocturnal animals.

Year 1/2: This week we have been learning about Stubby, a dog who went to war. This has linked to our learning about Remembrance. We also had great fun at the football tournament.

Year 3/4: This week we enjoyed taking part in an archery competition – we have some very skilled children! We also enjoyed learning about Stone Age hunter gatherers in history and explored the school grounds to find Stone Age assets for survival!

Year 5/6: Our topic in year 5/6 this term is World War 2. Over the past few weeks, we have been finding out about the evacuation of people during the war. Last week, we had the privilege of speaking to Liz, who was an evacuee during WW2. Liz told us all about her life before, during and after the war and what her experience was like as an evacuee. The children had the opportunity to ask Liz plenty of questions and we found out all sorts that we didn't know! It was a wonderful experience, and the children found her stories so fascinating!



Leland's mum – Hope for Hasti

Do you remember the 'Barefoot Soldier' Maj Chris Brannigan who passed through Ripon in August? His 700 mile route from Lands' End to Edinburgh has now been divided into 120 sections (or legs) and members of the public are recreating that walk, each doing a leg to raise awareness and further funds.

One of Hasti's toys 'Obama the Llama' is being passed to each new barefoot soldier like a baton in a relay race, and he is currently making his way towards Ripon!

On Monday 16th November Obama will arrive at Langthorpe with Leg97 at approximately 0930. From there, Mrs Pepperell will take him 6 miles on Leg97 to Ripon Cathedral.

The Money raised goes directly to the HopeforHasti charity and the link is below if you would like to make a donation.

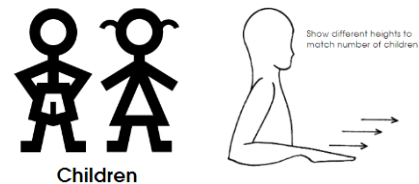
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarah-pepperell-hopeforhasti?>

Makaton sign of the week

We have a growing number of children in school who are using Makaton to support their communication. During assemblies, we are continuing on developing some basic signs.

This week's sign is *Children*

Here is a link to the Makaton site. <https://wetalkmakaton.org/>



Cycling To and From School – Be Safe Be Seen!

If your children are cycling to and from school please ensure that they wear a helmet and understand at least basic road safety. The road is narrow and busy so all users need to be aware of each other.

Please ensure the footpath is being used and children are not walking on the road – thank you.

Local Authority update: messages from Public Health for parents / carers

On Friday evening, through the Local Authority update, Public Health England have requested that the following messages are passed onto parents / carers:

- Please ensure that you maintain social distancing from others when dropping off and collecting your child from our school. Please follow any guidance issued by us to help with this e.g. only one adult per family should enter school grounds to drop off or collect.



- For those travelling by car we ask that you wait in your car until your specific drop off time. This will reduce the amount of people assembling in and around the school grounds and will help with social distancing.
- We recommend that all parents/carers entering the school premises (and in other congested areas around school premises) wear a face covering in addition to social distancing. This is an extra safeguard to reduce the transmission of the virus. Please note that this does not apply to those who are medically exempt.
- You must keep at least two metres apart from other parents/carers at all times. Where you are unable to do so, wear a face covering.

Messages for parents/carers to talk to their children about:

- Limit the number of people they walk to/from school with.
- Please remind your child to leave school in a timely manner to avoid social contacts.
- Please make sure your child attends school in usual uniform with an appropriate coat for winter conditions.
- Please remember the school 'bubbles' do not apply outside of school (i.e. children should avoid mixing with friends outside of school, even if they are in the same 'bubble' at school).

Message to pass on to parents/carers about self-isolation:

If you are self-isolating

- Please ensure that if you or a member of your family has Covid symptoms or has been asked to self-isolate (e.g. if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive) that you and your household follow the self-isolation guidelines.
- Please do not send a child to school if they or a member of their household has symptoms, or if they have been asked to self-isolate.
- Please follow the national guidance:
 - For individuals who have tested positive or who live in the same household as someone who is positive for covid-19: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>
 - For close contacts who do NOT live in the same household:
 - If you require any further support (e.g. shopping, medication) whilst you are self-isolating please visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/help-you-during-coronavirus-covid-19> for further information.



Messages for parents/carers on current lockdown restrictions:

- The new national restrictions can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>
- In summary:
 - You can leave home for education (formal provision, rather than extracurricular classes such as music or drama tuition,) training, registered childcare and children's activities that are necessary to allow parents/carers to work, seek work, or undertake education or training. Parents can still take their children to school, and people can continue existing arrangements for contact between parents and children where they live apart.
 - You and your children must not meet people socially. However, you can exercise or meet in a public, outdoors space with people you live with, your support bubble (or as part of a childcare bubble), or with one other person.
There are several ways that parents and carers can continue to access childcare during the national restrictions <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#childcare-and-childrens-activities>

Updated government guidance for parents and carers

The government has updated their guidance for parents and carers on what they need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This update provides information on the national restrictions that came into force on 5 November, the latest advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people and advice on the use of face coverings in education settings. The guidance can be accessed through the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Christmas Reading Challenge from Thirsk Library – attachment

We are delighted that we can offer all children the chance to take part in our new free reading project the Christmas Reading Challenge that is similar to previous year's summer reading challenge. It is a great opportunity for all children to participate since it is free and encourages reading. All children have to do is sign up and read 4 books before 23rd December, in return they get a Christmas craft pack and a certificate. The attached letter describes the process for parents/guardians and includes the Registration Form. We would appreciate your help in distributing this information out to families please at a time when we are closed for browsing but are still offering our library services via home deliveries and collection at the library door, so the usual way of promoting this activity isn't available to us and families can't come and sign up in the library. The Christmas Reading Challenge is a real community effort with sponsorship of the Christmas craft packs coming from Thirsk Rotary with creation done by Thirsk Yarnbombers.





Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December, we are taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. For a £1 donation to the charity, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper – this can be a decorated jumper or a bought one.

Christmas School Dinner – Wednesday 16th December

School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – order in advance

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December. There will be no jacket potato option on that day; this meal will need to be ordered in advance. A letter has been sent home today which must be returned **for all children by Friday 27th November**.



School Dinners November

The price for dinner is £2.75 per meal (£13.75 per week). The cost for the month of November is £57.75. Please ensure your Parent Pay account is up to date. It is possible to put credit onto the account to help with budgeting for the month!

Packed Lunches

A polite reminder that there should be no sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches or fizzy drinks. Also, we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We do have children with allergies to nuts so please refrain from any sort of nut products in packed lunches – thank you.

Parent Away

Please do let your child's class teacher know if a parent is away from home so that we can offer additional support.

Advance notice – no after school Dandelions on 13th January 2021

There will be no after school Dandelions childcare on Wednesday 13th January 2021 due to staff training.



AWARDS

Celebration Assembly

On Friday, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;

Celebration Cup

The cup this week goes to someone who shows enthusiasm and determination in every lesson. They constantly work hard to challenge themselves and always aim to do their best.

This person is kind, considerate and always has a smile on his face. This person is a wonderful friend and is always there to support his peers.

Congratulations and well done to Jacob!



Ribbons



EYFS – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been pushing them self just as hard in their remote learning as they do in class. Their enthusiasm is infectious even from a distance. Keep it up and well done to Emily Rose!

Year 1 / 2– The ribbon this week goes to someone who has a fantastic attitude to learning. They are a great friend and always have a smile on their face. Well done, Alyssa!

Year 3 / 4 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been working so hard in every lesson. This person has worked with resilience and determination and their efforts are really paying off. Well done, Millie-Mae!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who constantly works hard and is determined to improve in every subject. This person has lovely manners and is an extremely supportive member of our class. Well done, Drishya!

Attendance

Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.

Week Commencing 9th November 2020

Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
	98%	96%	93%



Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

November	
w/c 16/11/20	Anti-bullying week – odd sock day Monday 16 th November
17/11/20	Flu Immunisation Programme – all primary age children Rec – Year 6
December	
11/12/20	Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation for Save the Children
16/12/20	Christmas School Dinner
17/12/20	Christmas Parties – further information will follow
18/12/20	Break-up for Christmas 2.30pm
January	
4/1/21	Training Day for staff
5/1/21	School open for the spring term
13/1/21	No after school Dandelions due to staff training
25/1/21	Skip 2 Be Fit Day
February	
12/2/21	Break-up half term

Mrs Lyon's working week:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield
Afternoon	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary

